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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Amend claim 19 as follows:

-- A method for identifying genes associated with mutant genes and/or mutant traits, which comprises detecting mutated sites in target genomic DNA by the method for analyzing genomic DNA according to claim 9. --

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REMARKS

Multiply dependent claim 19 has been amended to be singly dependent on claim 9. Thus, with this amendment there are no multiply dependent claims in the application. The claim fee provided herewith reflects the amendment made to claim 19. No additional fee is believed to be due.

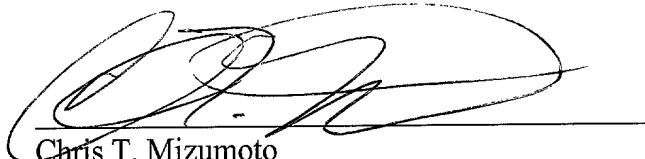
Attached is a marked-up version of the changes being made by the current amendment.

Applicant asks that all claims be examined.

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**Version with markings to show changes made**

In the claims:

Claim 19 has been amended as follows:

A method for identifying genes associated with mutant genes and/or mutant traits, which comprises detecting mutated sites in target genomic DNA by the method for analyzing genomic DNA according to [any one of claims] claim 9 [to 18].